

## **CRIME SUPPRESSION SECTION**

### **Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention (CVRCP) Program**

#### **Program Description**

The goal of the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention (CVRCP) Program is to provide the protection and safety of the state's agricultural industry by creating statewide standards and methods for detecting and tracking agrarian crime. Rural Crime and Agricultural Crime are synonymous terms and, as such, defined by a singular definition: Any property crime against a farmer, rancher, agricultural-related business or other designated industry that takes place in the unincorporated rural areas of the state, and impacts the victim's commercial production, distribution, or economic livelihood derived from agricultural products, livestock, petroleum, chemicals, farm implements and equipment.

To ensure program integrity, any criminal activity not meeting this definition, even though the crime was committed in a rural or agricultural location, is not included under this program.

Since its inception, the program has been further expanded to enhance crime prevention efforts to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies in rural areas to detect and monitor agricultural and rural based crimes. The program uses both a local and regional task force approach to prevent the theft of equipment, livestock and produce, and apprehend those responsible for such crimes and prosecute the offenders.

#### **Eligibility**

The District Attorney's Office in the eight central valley counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare are eligible to receive these funds. Joint power agreements with sheriff's departments are required.

#### **Authorized By**

SB 453 (Poochigian) extended the program operation until July 1, 2009, and a repeal date to January 1, 2010.

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

State General Fund - \$3,008,700

#### **Grant Award Period**

Annual cycle beginning July 1

#### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

Non-Competitive - July 1, 2009

#### **Additional Program Information**

In order to receive funds for this program, each designated county shall agree to participate in a regional task force with uniform procedures for the collection and reporting of data on agricultural crime, and for ensuring the establishment of a central database for collection and maintenance of agricultural crimes data.

#### **Where can I get more information?**

This program is administered by the Crime Suppression Section of the Crime and Gangs Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-5664.